



November 2016



Tis the Season!

Holiday Party: Saturday, December 3, 11:30-1:30 at the First Church of Christ Congregational, 25 Great Rd., Bedford. Please call Emily O'Hara by November 28 to let her know if you plan on attending and, if so, what you can bring: appetizer, salad, main course, or dessert. What a wonderful opportunity to relax, chat with friends, enjoy good food, and buy a craft item from Bedford Day to give to a special person!

To spread the joy, please bring a wrapped White Elephant item to be included among our door prizes.

And . . . in the spirit of the giving season, consider bringing a **monetary** donation to this party for the Bedford Food Pantry. Let's make the season bright for others.



Members' Show

The Bedford Arts and Crafts Society is exhibiting the work of 11 member artists at The First Parish Church, 75 Great Rd., Bedford, in the Bacon Room on the 2nd floor. The show will run for the months of November and December, and the theme is "New England." A reception will take place on Wednesday, November 16, 7-9 pm. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. Please get in touch with Judi Babcock if you would like to bring a food contribution. Bring a friend along as well! Participating artists are Judi Babcock, Stephanie Davidson, Marietta Ellis, Barbara Herlihy, Stewart Leshin, Bill Miller, Sylvia Mallory, Alyce McLaughin, Jeanne Reidy, Lee Sadeghpour, and Laura Wallace.



Grace Chapel Shows and Other Exhibits Several BACS members have had their work selected for the upcoming show "Red" at the Grace Chapel. Exhibiting members are Judi Babcock, Florence Como, Anita Feld, Sylvia Mallory, Doris Smith, and Laura Wallace. The show will run from November 19 to January 3. Judi has a painting as well in the forthcoming Grace Chapel special exhibit "A Gift in Time."

Judi also has paintings displayed at the Arts League of Lowell Cooperative Gallery, 307 Market Street, Lowell. And Dawn Warrington has photos displayed at TD Bank in Lexington as part of ArtWalk 2016 from November 8 to 28.

Congrats to all!

Exhibit Change-over at Town

Center On November 14, 10am-12pm, bring your ready-to-hang artwork to the Flint Room at the Town Center for inclusion in the ongoing BACS displays. Also plan to pick up your artwork that has been hanging.

Crafts Questionnaire Following this newsletter, you will find a brief 1-page questionnaire concerning BACS members' crafting interests. Please answer the questions—it will take only a couple of minutes—and send the completed questionnaire by regular mail to PO Box 604, Bedford, MA 01730. **OR**, if it's more convenient for you, we are also sending you the same questionnaire in a Word attachment accompanying this newsletter. You can complete this electronic version and e-mail it to info @ bacsma.org

THANK YOU!

Crafting Wednesdays Join BACS members at the Bedford COA for an informal weekly afternoon of crafting. All are welcome. Work on your own project or learn from someone else. And bring a friend! Sit, chat, and craft on Wednesdays, 2-4 pm, at the COA in the Town Center.

Classes Art classes will continue at Bedford Recreation in the coming months.

In the winter session, several classes and workshops will be offered. Check the Bedford Recreation Department brochure when it is available. Then, in the spring, Nan Rumpf will continue her watercolor course for experienced painters and will offer a second watercolor class, this one aimed at



beginners. Valeria Lanza will conduct the ongoing class on mixed media.

New Member  **Welcome**

A warm welcome to our newest member:

Amisha Thakkar Kashyap
9 Independence Rd.
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Website Be sure to check out our webpage regularly at www.bacsma.org You will see the latest news on what's happening and can follow what members of our group are up to—who is showing artwork, the latest awards and honors, and so on.

Remember: See next page for the crafting questionnaire. We will appreciate your input!

BACS Survey on Craft Interests

To better serve you, we would like to hear about your interests with respect to crafts we might feature in upcoming BACS programs. Please take a couple of minutes to answer these brief questions. Thanks!

1. Do you enjoy participating in craft activities?

- Yes
- Sometimes—it depends on the craft
- No

2. If your answer to the preceding question is “yes” or “sometimes,” check off the **top two** types of crafts you enjoy doing. Use the “Other” option at the end of the list to write in crafts of interest that are not included.

- Beading
- Card making; paper crafts
- Ceramics/pottery
- Decorative arts (glass, basketry, etc.)
- Floral crafts
- Holiday crafts
- Metalworking (includes jewelry making)
- Needle crafts (includes all fiber arts)
- Weaving
- Woodworking
- Other (list):

3. BACS typically offers two craft programs (demos/workshops) and three painting programs each year. Please answer the questions about the craft offerings.

- I would like *more* sessions to be devoted to crafting.
- I would like *fewer* sessions to be devoted to crafting.
- If you chose “more sessions,” what particular crafts should future crafting programs feature? List here:

4. Are there crafters you know whom you’d recommend to lead a BACS craft demo or workshop? If so, please indicate their name(s) and specializations here.

5. Which days (Monday through Saturday) and times (morning/afternoon/evening) would be most convenient for you to attend a craft session? Please answer by naming the day(s) of the week and whether morning, afternoon, and/or evening would be best in each case.

6. Do you have other suggestions related to BACS programs generally?

Your name (optional)